

PISC PATROL BOAT HELM FURTHER TRAINING SYLLABUS

When a Member has obtained the PISC Patrol Boat Helm Qualification the next phases when working towards the PISC Patrol Boat Coxswain Certificate are as follows:

Build hours on the Patrol Boat acting as a Crew Member and completing 10 further hours as Crew Member on the Patrol Boat on normal Thursday/Saturday dinghy sailing days, driving the Patrol Boat under the supervision of any Patrol Boat Coxswain. Coxswains requested to allow Helm to handle the Patrol Boat at their discretion.

A Cyprus HSSVOL Operators Licence (including written and practical tests) must be obtained before proceeding to the next phase

Read and sign PISC Patrol Boat Standard Operating Procedures

Complete a normal Saturday dinghy sailing day with a Club Patrol Boat Instructor who will assess the candidates proficiency to Helm a Club Patrol Boat unsupervised. A Solo Qualification Certificate will be awarded

When Assessed as Competent to Helm a Club Patrol Boat Unsupervised

The Helm may use the standby Patrol Boat on Thursday or Saturday normal sailing days. The Helm will complete a series of training exercises in two hour sessions as detailed by the CPBI in order to improve their operating skills, and introduce the Helm to skippering a Patrol Boat. These sessions will be authorised by RCS or CPBI. The sessions will not be used in a Club Patrol Boat role (unless in an emergency when they may assist the duty Patrol Boat).

The crew for these sessions will consist of two Helms assessed as 'Competent to Helm a Club Patrol Boat Unsupervised', or one Helm together with a crew member who must be a qualified Patrol Boat Crew Member, or a Club Helm, a Club Patrol Boat Coxswain or a Club Patrol Boat Instructor. If two Helms are operating together one will be the nominated as in command of the Patrol Boat for the whole session by the CPBI or RCS. Helms may log the total hours completed in the session. There will be a total Club fee of 10 euros per hour on the water for use of the Patrol Boat.

For safety reasons weather limitations for these sessions is limited to:

- a Wind speeds no greater than Force 10knots
- b. Wave heights no greater than 0.9 metres
- c. Sea state – large wavelets with crests starting to break

If in any doubt guidance on the suitability of the weather conditions should be obtained from RCS, CPBI or duty OOD.

A minimum total of 10 hours must be logged as an unsupervised Helm. When the Helm feels confident a positive assessment has to be completed by a Club Patrol Boat Instructor, on a normal Saturday sailing day before an application may be made to take a Club Patrol Boat Coxswain Course.

